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Statement submitted by International Federation of Women in Legal Careers, a non-governmental organization in special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council

The Secretary-General has received the following statement, which is being circulated in accordance with paragraphs 36 and 37 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 of 25 July 1996.

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The **"International Federation of Women in Legal Careers"** (I.F.W.L.C) is an international NGO founded in Paris in 1928, and has a consultative status with the ECOSOC, since 1961. It affiliates now national associations and individual members in Africa, America, Europe and Asia.

The **"International Federation of Women in Legal Careers"** activities are inspired in the United Nations Charter principles, as they are consecrated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and reaffirmed in the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

The essentials goals being the eradication of all form of discrimination against Women and the promotion of Women Human Rights.

The **"International Federation of Women in Legal Careers"** assembled in its XVIII Congress in the city of Praia in Cape Verde, on the 6th to September 10, 2003, has studied and debated with attention the topic " WOMEN, PEACE AND SAFETY - THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE WOMEN" in the following aspects: The War, the penal and civil responsibility of the States; The Prevention and Resolution of the Conflicts – the role of the women; The effects of war in the infancy, and has approved a final document which focal points are as follows:

- Condemnation of any form of war, specifically unilateral war, considering it never constitutes a way of resolution of the conflicts;
- Recommendation, both to the States as to the individuals, to abstain to take part in any class of preparatory activity of the war;
- Commends that all the actions must promote a culture of peace, practising individually, and to level of the States, the objection of conscience against the war.

The **"International Federation of Women in Legal Careers"** has been working towards that goal, studying and debating the legal consequences of these matters in the different Seminars and Conferences that has been promoting in different countries around the world.